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1. the Northeast People's Government sent a mission to South China to attempt to engage three thousand qualified technical personnel from various fields for work in Manchuria.* A second mission, dispatched at the end of January 1950, arrived in Shanghai early in February. Under the direction of its leaders WU Pin (吴彬) and WANG Wen-shan (王文山), the mission ran advertisements in the local newspapers, canvassed Shanghai merchants and industrialists for assistance, and urged professors and graduates of universities and technical schools to apply for employment.
2. The East China Bureau Industrial Department held a mobilization assembly on 27 February 1950 in Shanghai and from among its subordinate personnel recruited about a hundred technicians from the machinery, steel, and chemical industries. The highest salary offered these technicians is about one thousand catties of rice a month. Professors in special fields who volunteer for service are permitted to take their families with them but are required to sign a long-term contract.
3. From its headquarters in Shanghai, the mission established branch offices in Nanking, Hangchow, Wu-Han (Wuchang and Hankow), Changsha, and elsewhere, to facilitate recruiting. In Canton, where some of the recruiting was being handled by the Ministry of Fuel Industries, appeals were issued for physicians, electrical, mining, mechanical, and civil engineers, physicists, metallurgists, chemists, and such skilled workers as ladlers, cast iron workers, and others. Applicants were asked to submit by mail to the Department of Industry of the Kwangtung government their application, academic records, two half-length photographs, and a statement concerning their experience. Engineers and physicists needed by the Northeast Railroad Bureau were required to have college degrees.
4. Although campaigning through newspapers and personal contacts was intensive, by early March few persons had shown interest. Many southerners were deterred by dislike of the climate in the north.

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while advertisements still continued, the Canton government took a firmer step and requested all technical experts to move to Mukden and Harbin, since local opportunities were limited by the removal of industry and closing of plants. ☐ All types of engineers, chemists, biologists, and physicians were included in the request. Although no specific coercion was applied, many technical personnel felt that they would be unable to make a living in Canton and prepared to comply with the request. The first northward movement of technicians and their families was scheduled to commence ☐ by train from Canton.

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* ☐ Comment: Recruiting of technical personnel to aid in developing Manchurian industry has been announced in Peiping and Mukden radio broadcasts and has been given wide publicity.

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